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PACIFIC SOUTHWEST REGION

Restoring, Enhancing and Sustaining Forests in California, Hawaii and the Pacific Islands

Sierra National Forest

FIREARMS IN THE FOREST

High Sierra Ranger District

Welcome to the Sierra National Forest. These public lands are enjoyed by tens of thousands of people each year in a variety of activities. Certain regulations have been established to encourage visitors to have a safe visit in the Forest. Regulations for safe shooting are to provide for safety, protection, and enjoyment of all forest visitors and for the natural surroundings.

As a recreation shooter using the Federal Lands, it is **your** responsibility to conduct your sport safely. You must be aware of and comply with all state, county, and federal laws pertaining to the possession and transportation of firearms and to do it without damage to other forest users and to the natural environment.

There is private land located within Forest boundaries; permission must be obtained from the landowner to enter their land.

Valid California hunting licenses are required when hunting in the Sierra National Forest. Know and follow all California State Fish and Games rules and regulations.

SHOOTING REGULATIONS

The following Forest regulations need to be followed during your visit:

- **Do not** fire any tracer bullets or incendiary ammunition. 36 CFR 261.5(b)
- **Do not** shoot at, injure, remove, or destroy any natural feature or any federal property (rocks, bush, trees). 36 CFR 261.9(a)

- **Do not** use a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury or damage to property 36 CFR 261.10(d):
 1. In or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or other occupied area.
 2. Across or on a Forest Development road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damages as a result of such discharge.
 3. Into or within a cave.
- Dispose of all garbage, including any paper, can, bottle, sewage, waste water or material either by removal from the area or by depositing it into receptacles or at places provided for such purposes. 36 CFR 261.11(d)

Please keep the forest clean. **Pack out and remove ALL target materials, shells and boxes.** Failure to observe these regulations can result in a citation by a Forest Officer or any Peace Officer. These fines are punishable by up to a \$5,000 or six months in jail.

SHOOTING SAFETY

- **Do not** shoot in an area that has been closed to the use of firearms.
- Shoot all targets using a safe backstop. Know the target, the backstop, the area behind, and surrounding areas before you pull the trigger.
- **Do not** use bottles as targets or other glass objects.
- Visitors using paintballs, please clean up all marking debris and follow all rules.



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